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House Resolution

No. 43

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House Resolution No. 43—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

1 WHEREAS, Our great state and nation consistently and
2 diligently strives to promote the egalitarian principles of equality
3 and justice where all people have inalienable rights, including life,
4 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and
5 WHEREAS, California’s and America’s diversity is one of our
6 greatest strengths; and
7 WHEREAS, To achieve a just and fair society, we must teach
8 our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences,
9 and to recognize the common good in all of us; and
10 WHEREAS, Our great state protects its residents from
11 discrimination and harassment based on actual or perceived race,
12 ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, physical or
13 mental ability, medical condition, sex, including gender identity
14 or expression, or sexual orientation; and
15 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
16 have made important and lasting contributions to our great state
17 and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited
18 to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics,

1 education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and
2 culture, that enrich our national life; and

3 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
4 come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color,
5 religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or
6 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or
7 expression; and

8 WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the United States,
9 a sitting President and Vice President, President Barack Obama
10 and Vice President Joe Biden, affirmed their support for the
11 fundamental right to marry, regardless of sexual orientation or
12 gender. Former Vice President Dick Cheney and former First Lady
13 Laura Bush have also affirmed their support for marriage equality;
14 and

15 ~~WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States struck~~
16 ~~down the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposition 8, which barred~~
17 ~~the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages and~~
18 ~~restored marriage equality to California, respectively; and~~

19 *WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States struck down*
20 *the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), affirming that all*
21 *loving and committed couples who are married deserve equal*
22 *treatment and respect from the federal government; and*

23 *WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States ruled that*
24 *Proposition 8 sponsors had no standing to appeal the federal trial*
25 *court's decision that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional, thereby*
26 *restoring marriage equality in California; and*

27 WHEREAS, Married same-sex couples now enjoy the same
28 rights and privileges granted to other married couples, including
29 joint tax filings, military benefits, family and medical leave, and
30 the ability to sponsor their foreign spouse; and

31 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense repealed “Don’t Ask,
32 Don’t Tell,” allowing servicemen and women to serve their country
33 openly and proudly; and

34 WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
35 are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in
36 professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in
37 business, and serving as role models for all; and

38 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed
39 in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect
40 for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice

1 and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
2 people and their families encounter, and to this end, we continue
3 working for the passage of the inclusive federal Employment
4 Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), comprehensive immigration
5 reform, and increased awareness of the difficulties facing the
6 transgender community; and

7 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we
8 must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Friends and allies of the LGBT community have
11 shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of
12 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people at home and abroad;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Each year, June marks the anniversary of the
15 Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay,
16 bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

17 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed June as
18 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month and
19 reaffirmed his administration's goal of eliminating prejudice
20 everywhere it exists and celebrating the great diversity of the
21 American people; and

22 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,
23 their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and
24 equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the
25 notable achievements, and the outstanding services that lesbian,
26 gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state
27 and nation; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
29 Assembly proclaims June 2014 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
30 Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in
31 celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of
32 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the
33 people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality
34 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their
35 families; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the
38 author for appropriate distribution.

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